

special care and assistance," that "women play a critical role in the family" and women's "contribution to the welfare of the family and to the development of society";

6. Recognize that "universal health coverage is fundamental for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals related not only to health and well-being," with further recognition that "health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity" that "the predominant focus of healthcare systems on treating illness rather than maintaining optimal health also prevents a holistic approach"; and that there are "needs that exist at different stages in an individual's lifespan," which together support optimal health across the life course, entailing the provision of the necessary information, skills, and care for achieving the best possible health outcomes and reaching full human potential; and

7. "Reaffirm the importance of national ownership and the primary role and responsibility of governments at all levels to determine their own path towards achieving universal health coverage, in accordance with national contexts and priorities", preserving human dignity and all the rights and freedoms set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Furthermore, we, the representatives of our sovereign nations do hereby declare in mutual friendship and respect, our commitment to work together to:

Ensure the full enjoyment of all human rights and equal opportunity for women at all levels of political, economic, and public life;

Improve and secure access to health and development gains for women, including sexual and reproductive health, which must always promote optimal health, the highest attainable standard of health, without including abortion;

Reaffirm that there is no international right to abortion, nor any international obligation on the part of States to finance or facilitate abortion, consistent with the longstanding international consensus that each nation has the sovereign right to implement programs and activities consistent with their laws and policies;

Build our health system capacity and mobilize resources to implement health and development programs that address the needs of women and children in situations of vulnerability and advance universal health coverage;

Advance supportive public health policies for women and girls as well as families, including building our healthcare capacity and mobilizing resources within our own countries, bilaterally, and in multilateral fora;

Support the role of the family as foundational to society and as a source of health, support, and care; and

Engage across the UN system to realize these universal values, recognizing that, individually we are strong, but together we are stronger.

#### MEMBER STATE SIGNATORIES

1. Kingdom of Bahrain
2. Republic of Belarus
3. Republic of Benin
4. Federative Republic of Brazil (cosponsor)
5. Burkina Faso
6. Republic of Cameroon
7. Republic of the Congo
8. Democratic Republic of the Congo
9. Republic of Djibouti
10. Arab Republic of Egypt (cosponsor)
11. Kingdom of Eswatini
12. Republic of The Gambia
13. Georgia
14. Republic of Guatemala

15. Republic of Haiti
16. Hungary (cosponsor)
17. Republic of Indonesia (cosponsor)
18. Republic of Iraq
19. Republic of Kenya
20. State of Kuwait
21. State of Libya
22. Republic of Nauru
23. Republic of Niger
24. Sultanate of Oman
25. Islamic Republic of Pakistan
26. Republic of Paraguay
27. Republic of Poland
28. Republic of Qatar
29. Russian Federation
30. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
31. Republic of Senegal
32. Republic of South Sudan
33. Republic of Sudan
34. Republic of Uganda (cosponsor)
35. United Arab Emirates
36. Republic of Zambia

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING HINTON MILLS

• Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize a family-owned small business and beloved eastern Kentucky staple, Hinton Mills of Flemingsburg, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1918, Frank L. Hinton and his wife, Ellora, established Hinton Mills in Goddard, KY. The general store, which provided supplies for local farmers, moved down the road to Plummers Landing in 1923. After serving in World War II, their son, Frank O. Hinton, returned to run the family business together with his wife, Maxine. Frank O., who had a passion for raising livestock, added a feed mill in 1956. By 1977, Hinton Mills had added locations in Flemingsburg, Ewing, and May's Lick, primarily serving local dairy operations and tobacco farmers. A fifth location opened in Cynthiana in 2015, enabling Hinton Mills to serve northern and eastern Kentucky.

Today, Hinton Mills continues to thrive as a farm supply store and feed retailer. The family-owned business celebrated its 103rd anniversary in 2021 and is led by the third and fourth generations of Hintons. Family members serve in a number of roles, including Frank O.'s son, Bud Hinton, as president, and Bud's son, Adam Hinton, as vice president. Led by the ethos of "Faith, Family, Friends, and Farming," Hinton Mills has grown along with the surrounding area. Their strong sense of family has built a tight-knit, supportive team, with some families employed there for generations. To celebrate its 100th anniversary, Kentucky Gateway Museum Center hosted an exhibit in 2018 to recognize Hinton Mills and their impact on the agricultural community of eastern Kentucky.

Over the past 100 years, the Hinton family has consistently invested in and

served their community. They regularly participate in local and regional events, ranging from agricultural fairs and the annual Fleming County FFA Tractor Parade, to hosting their annual weeklong Seed Day customer appreciation event. Hinton Mills champions Kentucky's agriculture industry, advocating for small agricultural businesses at the local, State, and national level. They are a part of several local business and industry groups, including the Fleming County Chamber of Commerce and Kentucky Retail Federation. Notably, Adam has served on the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, the Kentucky Retail Federation Board of Directors, and the Kentucky FFA Foundation's Board of Trustees. Like many small businesses, Hinton Mills rallied to face the challenges caused by the coronavirus pandemic and adapted to continue supporting local farmers as they kept the country fed.

Hinton Mills is a remarkable example of the resilience and adaptability of locally owned small businesses. Small businesses, like Hinton Mills, form the heart of towns across Kentucky and play a critical role in Kentucky's agricultural industry. Congratulations to Bud, Adam, and the entire team at Hinton Mills. I wish them the best of luck, and I look forward to watching their continued growth and success in Kentucky. •

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Swann, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:38 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 921. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to further protect officers and employees of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1502. An act to make Federal law enforcement officer peer support communications confidential, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4035. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to prioritize veterans court treatment programs that ensure equal access for racial and

ethnic minorities and women, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5661. An act to extend flexible use of John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program funding to address pandemic-related challenges for older foster youth.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1511. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to payments to certain public safety officers who have become permanently and totally disabled as a result of personal injuries sustained in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4035. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to prioritize veterans court treatment programs that ensure equal access for racial and ethnic minorities and women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 380. A resolution reiterating United States support for the people of the Republic of South Sudan in their quest for lasting peace, stability, and democracy after 10 years of independence and calling for a review of United States policy toward South Sudan.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 965. An act to establish a comprehensive United States Government initiative to build the capacity of young leaders and entrepreneurs in Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 1104. A bill to measure the progress of post-disaster recovery and efforts to address corruption, governance, rule of law, and media freedoms in Haiti.

S. 1657. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to the People's Republic of China in relation to activities in the South China Sea and the East China Sea, and for other purposes.

S. 2129. A bill to promote freedom of information and counter censorship and surveillance in North Korea, and for other purposes.

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. REED for the Committee on Armed Services.

\*John Patrick Coffey, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

\*Alexandra Baker, of New Jersey, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

\*Nickolas Guertin, of Virginia, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense.

\*Douglas R. Bush, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. James W. Bierman, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Michael E. Langley, to be Lieutenant General. Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. John D. Caine, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. Marcus H. Thomas, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Douglas A. Paul, to be Major General.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nomination of Tracy M. Shamburger, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Libertad Melendez, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Julia O. Coxen, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Benjamin J. Neterer, to be Major.

Army nomination of Joseph G. Nunez, to be Major.

Army nomination of Kert L. St. John, to be Major.

Army nomination of Mark J. Ziegler, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Scott J. Anderson and ending with Jason J. Thornton, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2021.

Army nominations beginning with Paul J. E. Auchincloss and ending with D015356, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2021.

Army nominations beginning with Nadine M. Alonzo and ending with D015627, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2021.

Army nominations beginning with Mark Acopan and ending with Timothy R. Yourk, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2021.

Army nomination of Mahealani N. McFarland, to be Major.

Army nomination of D014273, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Navy nominations beginning with Dylan L. Aaker and ending with Alison M. Zychlewicz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2021.

Navy nomination of Harold S. Zald, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Paul J. Wisniewski, to be Captain.

Space Force nomination of Haldane C. Gillette, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

By Mr. DURBIN for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Lucy Haeran Koh, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Jane M. Beckering, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Shalina D. Kumar, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Armando O. Bonilla, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Jonathan Kanter, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Michael F. Easley, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Sandra J. Hairston, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Dena J. King, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. LUMMIS (for herself, Mr. MARSHALL, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 3095. A bill to address Federal employees who comply with Executive Order 14043, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KELLY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3096. A bill to make amendments to the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 3097. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to allow for the registration of venture exchanges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. THUNE, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 3098. A bill to provide for a national public health education campaign, grant program, and task force for recommended preventive health care services during the COVID-19 pandemic and future pandemics; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 3099. A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to establish the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program within the General Services Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 3100. A bill to establish a regulatory system for sustainable offshore aquaculture in the United States exclusive economic zone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):